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1. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

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ACCORDING VARIOUS NEWS REPORTS, VIETNAM HAS LAUNCHED  
MAJOR MIL ACTION AGAINST CAMBODIA IN LAST FEW DAYS.  
SINGAPORE DIPLO SOURCES SAID VIETS HAVE PUSHED ABOUT  
30 MI INTO CAMBODIA, SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY/AERIAL  
BOMBING. THEY SAID VIET AIM WAS NOT CLEAR, BUT MORE  
LIKELY THEY ARE ENGAGED IN LARGE-SCALE PUNITIVE  
ACTION RATHER THAN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TOPPLE  
PP GOVT. VOA QUOTED US OFFICIALS THAT FIGHTING  
HEAVIEST SINCE DEC WHEN BOTH COUNTRIES LAUNCHED  
ATTACKS. SAID FIGHTING CENTERED IN CHUP RUBBER  
PLANTATION AREA W/OBJECTIVE "THE DESTRUCTION OF  
CAMBODIA'S ABILITY TO ATTACK VIETNAM." REPORTED AS

MANY AS 80,000 TROOPS INVOLVED IN ACTION (REUTER SINGAPORE/WASHINGTON).

WP'S SHARKEY QUOTES VIET NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH THAT SRV WIPE OUT 2 CAMBODIAN BATTALIONS/SEVERELY MAULED OTHER LARGE CONCENTRATIONS CAMBODIAN TROOPS IN FIGHTING OVER PAST COUPLE WKS/KILLED 160 CAMBODIANS IN 2

BATTLES LAST WK. NYT CARRIES REUTER'S (HK) REPORT THAT HANOI RADIO SAID VIET TROOPS INFLICTED MAJOR LOSSES ON CAMBODIA DURING WK OF BORDER BATTLES ON VIET SIDE. QUOTES VIET NEWS AGENCY THAT CAMBODIAN REGIMENT MOVED INTO AN GIANG PROVINCE 6/16 BUT WAS INTERCEPTED BY LOCAL ARMED FORCES WHO KILLED/WOUNDED 35 INVADERS/CAPTURED OTHERS. SAID OTHER FIGHTING IN TA NINH PROVINCE/DEN CAU DISTRICT. WP SAYS DOS UNABLE CONFIRM SUCH LARGE-SCALE ATTACK, BUT W SOURCES IN BANGKOK SAID THERE HAD BEEN INCREASED MIL ACTIVITY RECENTLY, JUST N OF PARROT'S BEAK (ALSO REUTER, GLOBE 6/27; CSM--BOTH HK).

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AP (GLOBE/SUN - BOTH BANGKOK) QUOTES THAI MIL SOURCES THAT 60,000 VIET TROOPS HAVE STRUCK INTO CAMBODIA/ARE LODGED IN PARROT'S BEAK, BUT SAYS W SOURCES COULD NOT CONFIRM THAI REPORTS. NOTES CAMBODIA HAS MADE NO MENTION OF MAJOR ATTACK IN ITS RADIO BROADCASTS.

## 2. VIETNAM

DELEGATION FROM SRV WILL VISIT HAWAII 7/10-14 TO INSPECT US PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING REMAINS OF SERVICEMEN KILLED IN WAR, DOS ANNOUNCED TUES. OFFICIALS SAID PURPOSE OF VISIT TO CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LAB IS TO IMPRESS ON SRV HIGH PRIORITY US ATTACHES TO TRACING FATE OF ALL WHO DIED IN WAR (UPI, NYT). REUTER (6/27) SAYS VISIT IS PART OF EFFORT NORMALIZE RELS W/US, QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT SRV'S DECISION SEND PATHOLOGISTS SIGNALLED OBVIOUS INTEREST IN GETTING ON W/NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION FROM HK SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES TRADE PROBE MISSION TO VN, ACCORDING JOC SPEC (HK). VNA REPORT SAID GROUP MET FON TRADE MIN/CONTACTED VIET IMPORT/EXPORT FIRMS/FOH TRADE BANK. SAYS VISIT SEEN AS SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHRU IN DEVELOPING TRADE RELS BETW US/SRV.

## 3. CHINA

CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE GIVEN WH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION USG SCIENTISTS, HEADED BY PRES

CARTER'S SCIENCE ADVISOR FRANK PRESS, WILL VISIT PEKING FOR 4 DAYS TALKS JULY 6-10. US OFFICIALS SAID MISSION HAD 4 BASIC PURPOSES: ESTABLISH OFFICIAL CONTACTS IN SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY; EXPLAIN USG'S SCIENCE POLICY; ASSESS PRESENT STATE SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY IN PRC; SUGGEST WAYS OF EXPANDING EXCHANGES. FOURTEEN-MEMBER DELEGATION INCLUDES FROM DOS EA DEP SEC SULLIVAN/PRCM UNCLASSIFIED

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DESK OFFICER ;ALLFORD(GWERTZMAN, NYT; CSM). SUN/REUTER'S GREGSON NOTE JODY POWELL DESCRIBED TRIP AS EXPANSION BILAT RELS, BUT ATTACHED NO POL SIGNIFICANCE TO IT. WP'S KAISER SAYS POWELL ALSO STATED VISIT NOT INTENDED AS SIGNAL TO USSR, NOR ATTEMPT PLAY SOVIETS/CHINESE OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (6/27) REMARKS DELEGATION WILL NOT DISCUSS MIL APPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY.

VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, IN 6/20 SPEECH, SAID POOR ORGANIZATION CHINA'S TRADE/FINANCE HAS ALLOWED SPECULATION/EMBEZZLEMENT DEVELOP UNCHECKED IN SOME PLACES, BUT "QUITE A FEW CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED." LI ALSO WARNED CCP OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS THAT THEY HAD 3 YRS "MAKE MARKED ADVANCES IN THEIR WORK," OR TURN OVER THEIR WORK TO THOSE MORE QUALIFIED (AP, SUN).

PRC NUKE PHYSICIST HSIEH CHIA-LIN--HEAD GROUP CHINESE DESIGN SPECIALISTS STUDYING NUKE ACCELERATOR FACILITY IN ILL--TOLD US SCIENTISTS RECENTLY THAT PRC HOPES HAVE 1ST NUKE ACCELERATOR COMPLETED 5 YRS AFTER CONSTRUCTION BEGUN. SAID PROJECT HAS BEEN IN PLANNING STAGES 2 YRS (WSTAR 6/27).

UPI (TAIPEI) REPORTS ROC AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE SUBVERSION INVOLVING US RC PRIEST, RONALD BOCCIERI. TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND SAID ROUTINE CHECK LAST FRIDAY OF TAIPEI HOUSE TURNED UP "MANY KINDS OF ILLEGAL DOCUMENTS"/ROSTER CONVICTED SUBVERSIVES WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED AFTER SERVING PRISON TERMS. UNABLE CONTACT HOUSE RESIDENT CHEN CHU NEXT DAY FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING, POLICE TRACKED HER UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BOCCIERI'S CHURCH. PRIEST TOLD UPI HE "FULLY COOPERATED" W/POLICE, BUT DECLINED DISCLOSE NATURE OF DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN CHEN'S HOUSE.

IN 2ND OF 4 ARTICLES, JOC'S LOFTING DISCUSSES TAIWAN'S MOVES CUT TRADE GAP W/US. CITES ROC SENSITIVITY OVER INCREASING US-PRC CLOSENESS, NOTING NATLIST CHINESE

CLAIM GROG AMB HAS BEEN UNABLE GET AUDIENCE W/ANY HIGH RANKING USG OFFICIAL IN OVER A YEAR. RE ECON RELS, MENTIONS TAIWAN'S DETERMINED EFFORT IMPROVE TRADE TIES, WHICH INCLUDES INCREASED IMPORTS/ENCOURAGEMENT US INVESTMENT/TARIFF CUTS.

4. CHINA/KOREA/JAPAN

TORONTO GLOBE-MAIL'S FRASER (CSM PEKING) SAYS PEKING DIPLO OBSERVERS DO NOT EXPECT CHINESE PROTEST OVER

JAPAN-SK CONTINENTAL SHELF EXPLOITATION AGREEMENT SERIOUSLY TO AFFECT PROGRESS JAPAN-PRC PEACE TREATY NEGOTS. DIPLOS FURTHER SPECULATE TIMING JAPAN-SK AGREEMENT NO COINCIDENCE; THAT JAPAN, KNOWING HOW MUCH PRC WANTS PEACE TREATY, SEIZED OPPORTUNITY PUSH THRU SOMETHING W/WHICH CHINA WOULD NOT BE PLEASED.

5. JAPAN

USHIBA HAS APPEALED TO GOJ MINISTERS FOR COOPERATION IN TARIFF CUTS/HIGHER IMPORT QUOTAS. SPECIFICALLY, USHIBA SEEKS INCREASED ORANGE IMPORTS/TARIFF CUTS ON CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. SEES ACTION VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL ROUND MULTILAT TRADE TALKS IN GENEVA BEFORE BONN ECON SUMMIT (SCOTT-STOKES, NYT TOKYO; UPI, JOC).

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THINK TANK--PREDICTS COUNTRY'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS COULD CLIMB TO 17.64 BIL DOLS IN '78 FINANCIAL YEAR. ALSO SAYS VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS COULD REACH 24 BIL DOLS IN SAME PERIOD--DESPITE GOJ'S TARGET TRADE SURPLUS OF ONLY 13.56 BIL DOLS (OWEN-DAVIES, REUTER TOKYO 6/27).

TRANSPORT MINISTRY TO ALLOW JAPANESE SHIPOWNERS/YARDS MAJOR AID PACKAGE, DESIGNED REVIVE AILING INDUSTRY/HELP DECREASE COUNTRY'S TRADE SURPLUS. KEY ELEMENT IN PLAN IS CHEAP GOJ FON CURRENCY LOANS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

WSTAR (6/27) CARRIES AP FOTO CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO/PRINCESS MICHIKO VISITING LIBERTY BELL DURING BRIEF PHILLY VISIT 6/26.

6. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

FIFTH JAPAN-AUSTRALIA MINISTERIAL CONF ENDED IN CANBERRA TUES W/JAPAN TELLING AUSTRALIA IT CANNOT

AGREE TO ALL OF ITS AGRIC IMPORT DEMANDS. JAPANESE DELEGATION LEADER SONODA TOLD REPORTERS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAPAN ACCEDE TO ALL DEMANDS, BUT SAID CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONTINUE. BOTH SIDES DECLINED SPECIFY AUSTRALIAN DEMANDS/REASONS FOR JAPAN'S REFUSAL TO MEET THEM. ON OTHER ISSUES, COUNTRIES REACHED AGREEMENT ON RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES, W/TOKYO MEETING ON NUKE COOPERATION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST (UPI, JOC).

#### 7. PAPUA NEW GUINEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS

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PNG AMB OLMSTED NOMINATED SERVE CONCURRENTLY AS AMB TO SOLOMON ISLANDS, WH ANNOUNCED 6/27 (REUTER).

#### 8. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS ORDERS RELEASE 556 MORE DETAINEES UNDER NEW AMNESTY LAWS, BRINGING TO 2,636 NUMBER PEOPLE FREED SINCE PHIL ELECTIONS APRIL 7. PRES ESTIMATES ONLY ABOUT 300 "HARDCORE LEFTISTS" STILL BEING DETAINED BECAUSE THEY WERE CHARGED W/CRIMES AGAINST SECURITY/PUBLIC ORDER (REUTER MANILA).

PAPERS FILED IN STOCKHOLDER SUIT AGAINST FORD MOTORS 6/27 CONTAIN ALLEGATIONS THAT GOP OFFICIALS MADE IMPROPER CASH PAYMENT OF 2 MIL DOLS IN ORDER ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTION OF FORD STAMPING PLANT IN PHILS. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUIT ALSO CONTENDS PLANT COST 50 MIL DOLS CONSTRUCT/HAD BEEN "ECONOMIC DISASTER," LOSING SEVERAL MIL DOLS PER YR. PHIL EMB SPOKESMAN SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR W/ALLEGATIONS/DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE IMMEDIATE COMMENT. FORD LAWYER DENIED ALL CHARGES (AP'S CARTER, WP; THOMAS, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 9. CHINA

RESTON (NYT) PRAISES PRES CARTER'S CHARACTER/SAYS HE DESERVES MORE CREDIT THAN HE'S GETTING FOR HANDLING TOUGH DOMESTIC/FON QUESTIONS. DISMISSES NOTION ADMIN PLAYING "CHINA CARD" AGAINST USSR. NOTES MOSCOW "WILL PROBABLY RESENT" ANNOUNCED USG SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY MISSION TO PRC AS "PRO-PEKING AND ANTI-SOVIET MOVE," BUT MISSION REALLY "NO BIG DEAL." SEES IT MORE AS SYMBOL CARTER'S DETERMINATION KEEP IN TOUCH W/"ALL THE NEW POWER CENTERS IN THE WORLD."

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10. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CONTENDING RECENT USG ACTIONS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET NEW REFUGEE DEMAND, CHITRIB EDIT CALLS ON AMCITS DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO CAUSE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. NOTES COUNTRY IS BETTER RATHER THAN WORSE FOR THEIR PRESENCE, THAT THEY HAVE PROVED ADAPTABLE/INDUSTRIOUS. SAYS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE "INGENUITY, INITIATIVE AND COURAGE" TO GET OUT OF INDOCHINA ARE "SURVIVORS OF RIGOROUS SELECTION"; "THEY ARE ALMOST BY DEFINITION SUPERIOR

PEOPLE." SAYS IN VIEW US ROLE IN RECENT HISTORY, THEY HAVE MORE THAN ORDINARY CLAIM ON OUR CONSIDERATION.

11. VIETNAM

GERMOND/WITCOVER (WSTAR 6/27) DISCUSS INTERVIEW W/DEAN RUSK. SAY HE BELIEVES "VIETNAM SYNDROME"--AMER UNWILLINGNESS GET INVOLVED IN ANYONE ELSE'S BUSINESS ANYWHERE--HAS NOT YET SEIZED COUNTRY, THO HE'S CONCERNED THAT US "MAY BE DRIFTING BACK TOWARD PAFCIFISM OF THE 1930S." RUSK SAID TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM KOREA WILL PROCEED SLOWLY, THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER US WOULD INTERVENE IN CASE OF ANOTHER ATTACK ON SK--US PRES, HE SAID, AGANIST PERSPECTIVE OF VN, "CANNOT PURSUE ANY POLICY W/O THE UNDERSTANDING OF CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE."

RUSK NOTED COLLEGE STUDENTS NOT CONCERNED W/ALTERNATIVE TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY, THAT AMERICA'S ALLIES MUST UNDERSTAND COLLECTIVE SECURITY DOES NOT MEAN OVERWHELMING AMER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMBAT TROOPS/CASUALTIES. SAID HE'S NOT LOOKING FOR VINDICATION OVER VN, ACKNOWLEDGED IT UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS WRONG TO PURSUE WAR SO LONG. COLUMNISTS OBSERVE THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS "SOMETHING" FROM MAN WHO LEFT OFFICE W/REPUTATION FOR INTRACTABILITY MATCHING ONLY HIS CERTITUDE ABOUT JUSTICE OF ONE WAR US COULDN'T WIN.

CSM GIVES 2-PG LAYOUT (6/27) TO SOUTHERLAND PIECE ON RECENT BOOKS ABOUT CIA. NOTES IT'S BEEN HARD TO KEEP UP W/PROFUSION SUCH BOOKS OVER PAST 3-4 YRS, BUT THAT FLOW COMING FROM CIA "INSIDERS" MAY DRY UP IN WAKE OF SNEPP TRIAL. QUOTES AUTHOR AJ LANGGUTH IN NYT THAT ONLY 3 CIA AGENTS HAVE COME IN FROM THE COLD TO TELL FULL STORY. SAYS LARGE NUMBER UNLIKELY TO "SING," THO MANY OF THOSE RECENTLY FIRED ARE "BITTER." QUOTES SNEPP THAT CIA WANTED MAKE EXAMPLE OF HIM IN PURSUING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HIM.

SOUTHERLAND SUGGESTS THAT FROM ALL BOOKS RECENTLY WRITTEN

ON CIA, READER CHOOSE THOSE BY COLBY/STOCKWELL/SNEPP.  
ALSO RECOMMENDS--FOR VARIETY--BOOKS BY CORSON/FRAZIER/  
SMITH. SAYS LATTER, "PORTRAIT OF A COLD WARRIOR" (PUTNAM),  
IS LIGHTEARTED ACCOUNT FROM FORMER CIA AGENT, WHICH  
INCL "INTERESTING NEW MATERIAL" ON CIA WORK IN PHILS.

ON "DECENT INTERVAL," SOUTHERLAND SAYS MOST OF SNEPP'S  
ACCOUNT IS "POWERFULLY CONVINCING," BUT MUST WONDER ABOUT  
WHETHER PACE OF VN EVAC COULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED MUCH  
DIFFERENTLY. NOTES THAT IN LAST DAYS OF WAR, AMERICAN  
FEARED S VIET ARMY/POLICE MORE THAN RAPIDLY APPROACHING  
BUT DISCIPLINED COMMUNIST FORCES.

SUN RUNS JACK FULLER REVIEW (6/25) OF PETER BRAESTRUP'S  
"BIG STORY" (ANCHOR-DOUBLEDAY), ORIG RELEASED AS LONG-2-  
VOL SET/NOW ABRIDGED/ISSUED AS PAPERBACK. IN STUDY OF  
REPORTING OF TET OFFENSIVE, SAYS BRAESTRUP HAS UNDERTAKEN  
TO LOOK BACK IN SHORT BUT SEMINAL PERIOD IN WAR/SEE HOW  
CLOSE JOURNALISTS CAME TO TRUTH AS SEEN IN HISTORY'S  
HINDSIGHT. OBSERVES BOOK HAS ALREADY "STIRRED QUITE A  
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CONTROVERSY." SAYS AUTHOR DOESN'T THINK PRESS DID TOO WELL  
IN ASSESSING SIGNIFICANCE OF TET, THO HE CAREFULLY POINTS  
OUT THIS NOT DUE TO IDEOLOGICAL PERVERSION OF JOURNALISTS  
BUT TO INSTITUTIONAL FLAWS IN WAY NEWS BUSINESS OPERATED  
WHICH RIPPED OPEN UNDER STRESS. SAYS EDITORS WANTED  
IMMEDIATE READOUTS DURING TET/CORRESPONDENTS FELT THEY HAD  
TO OBLIGE. NOTES MANY TRAPPED IN SAIGON, SCENE OF HEAVY  
ATTACK,/WERE UNABLE ASSESS WHAT HAPPENING ELSEWHERE;  
SO, CARNAGE IN SAIGON DOMINATED NEWS AT 1ST/PSYCHOLOGICAL  
EFFECT ON US AUDIENCES WAS PROFOUND.

FULLER DESCRIBES BRAESTRUP'S ARRAY OF EVIDENCE OF PRESS  
CONDUCT AS "IMPRESSIVE, IF NOT FLAWLESS." SAYS, THO HE  
BELIEVES HISTORY WILL SUPPORT BRAESTRUP'S INTERPRETATION  
THAT TET WAS ALLIED MIL VICTORY, MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM W/  
BOOK IS DIFFICULTY OF JUDGING JOURNALIST AGAINST HISTORY  
WHEN THERE ISN'T ANY HISTORY YET. VANCE

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